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## **GLOBAL& STRATEGIC VIEW**

### **Ellen Lord: DoD Warns Military, Contractors Against Chinese, Russian Software**

Executive.gov, July 30

*Ellen Lord, defense undersecretary for acquisition and sustainment, confirmed that the Defense Department started distributing to the military and contractors a list of software platforms that should not be purchased.*

### **Security Forces Continue Pursuit of ISIS Remnants, OIR Deputy Commander Says**

DoD News, July 31

*Iraqi security forces continue to pursue ISIS remnants in their country, destroying tunnels, weapons caches and explosives stockpiles, and arresting a number of suspected ISIS fighters, according to the Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve's deputy commander for strategy and support.*

### **India to spend \$1 billion on advanced air defense system from U.S.**

Defense News Online, July 31

*India has approved a plan to the National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System-II through a government-to government deal with United States.*

### **Philippine Bombing Kills 10, Showing Insurgents Remain a Problem**

New York Times, Aug. 1

*Militants detonated a car bomb at a military checkpoint in the southern Philippine island of Basilan, killing at least 10 people in a brazen attack that underscored the continuing insurgent threat in the southern part of the country. The attack happened as troops flagged down a van at a roadblock heading into Lamitan City. When the driver failed to answer questions, he apparently detonated the explosives.*

### **Afghan Army Takes Over After ISIS Attacks a Refugee Office**

New York Times, Aug. 1

*The Afghan army will take over security in the eastern city of Jalalabad, Afghanistan officials said hours after attackers overran a government refugee office there, killing 15 people.*

## **RAPID ACQUISITION**

### **The Pentagon can't develop technology quickly enough to thwart enemies**

DefenseNews.com, Aug. 1

*Experts say one important way to speed up the acquisition process and attract companies from the private sector is to step up what is known as other transaction authority, or OTA.*

## **THREAT NETWORKS**

### **Taliban Surge Routs ISIS in Northern Afghanistan**

New York Times, Aug. 1

*More than 200 Islamic State fighters and their two top commanders surrendered to the Afghan government on to avoid capture by Taliban insurgents, after a two-day battle that was a decisive victory for the Taliban, participants on all sides confirmed.*

## **CYBER**

### **Convergence Guides Army Cyber**

Signal Magazine, July 31

*After merging EW with cyber, the service set out to advance its electronic attack proficiency beyond the counter-IED capability.*

### **Cyber Command wants to partner with private sector to stop hacks**

FifthDomain.com, July 31

*The head of the National Security Agency and Cyber Command is advocating for a more expansive partnership between the government and the private sector amid an array of cyberthreats. Gen. Paul Nakasone, spoke during the DHS National Cybersecurity Summit in New York City, and pointed out that "partnerships are America's "advantage in cyberspace."*

## **COUNTER-UAS**

### **First AN/TPS-80 Ground/Air Task-Oriented Radar delivered to U.S. Marines**

Army Recognition, Aug. 1

*The incorporation of this advanced technology in production radars is unique to the Marine Corps and enables G/ATOR to provide additional mission capability to the warfighter at an affordable cost.*

### **U.S. Army selects Raytheon for near-term counter-UAS mission**

UAS Magazine, July 31

*Equipped with an advanced seeker and warhead, the Coyote-enabled system can successfully identify and eliminate threat UAVs when paired with an advanced electronically scanned array KRFS radar, which acquires and accurately tracks all sizes of UAS threats.*

## **TRAINING**

### **BAFB explosive ordinance team to conduct training**

KTAL-TV, July 31

*This training offers Airmen the opportunity to develop crucial skills necessary to accomplish EOD tasks.*

## **WORLDWIDE IED EVENTS**

### **Woman, child killed in bomb attack in southeast Turkey**

Longview Daily News, July 31

*Kurdish rebels detonated an IED on a road in southeast Turkey, and killed a woman and her infant child.*

### **Roadside bomb kills 11 in Afghanistan's Farah province**

ReliefWeb, July 31

*A roadside bombing killed at least 11 people on a bus, including women and children, in the country's western Farah province.*

### **Afghan bomb blast kills 8, injures 40**

Khmer Times, Jul 31

*At least eight people were killed and 40 others wounded as a roadside bomb planted by insurgents detonated as a passenger bus in Afghanistan's western province of Farah passed by.*